

**65905**  
Impact Melt Breccia  
12.1 grams

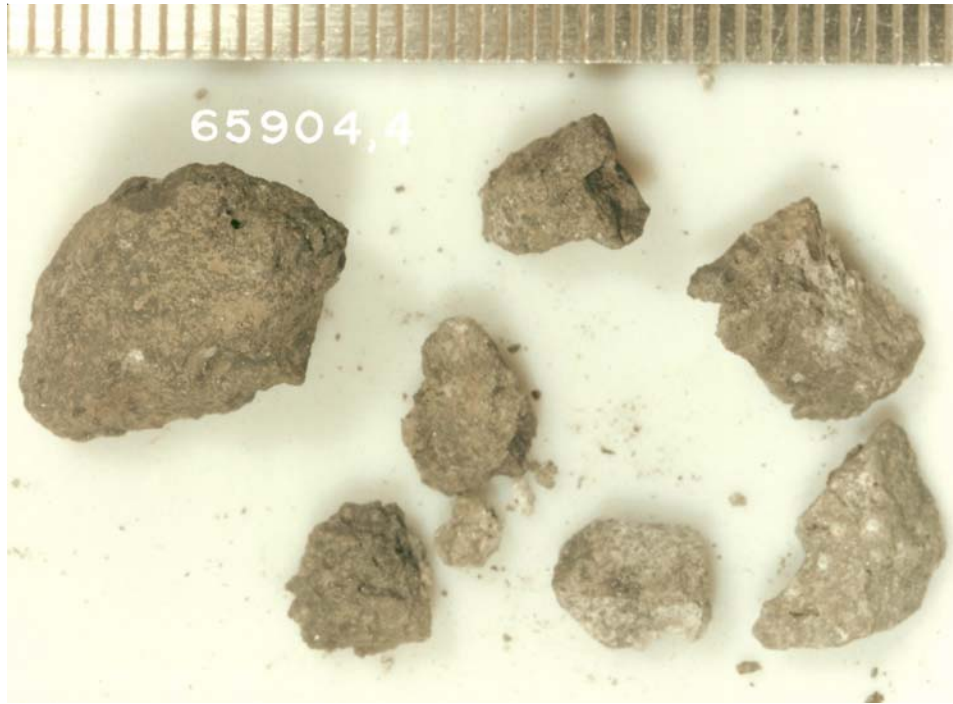


Figure 1: Hard dense particles from same bag as 67905. Scale in mm. S72-46431

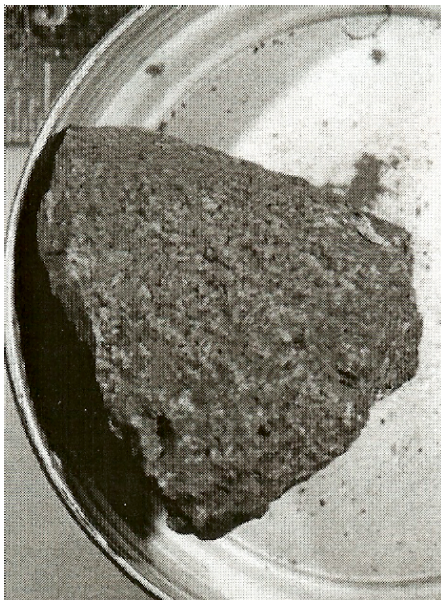


Figure 2: Photo of 65905 from Ryder and Norman 1980. sample is 2.5 cm across.

**Table 1. Chemical composition of 65905**

reference	McKinley83	
weight		
SiO <sub>2</sub> %	47.2	(a)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.24	(a)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	23.5	(a)
FeO	5.62	(a)
MnO	0.1	(a)
MgO	6.61	(a)
CaO	13.8	(a)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.67	(a)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.71	(a)
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.48	(a)
S %		
sum		
(a) ?		

**Introduction**

65905 is one of several dense particles found in soil sample 65901 (figures 1 and 2). The section on 65901 discusses the location of these samples.

## Petrography

Ryder and Norman (1980) termed 65905 “basaltic impact melt” but McKinley et al. (1983) termed it “poikilitic melt breccia”. Pieces have been allocated to Randy Korotev and Larry Taylor, but they have not informed the Curator what was learned.

Hey, it’s got about the best poikilitic texture I’ve seen (figure 4 and 5).

## Chemistry

McKinley et al. (1983) report the only analysis, without documentation how it was achieved..

## Processing

There are 4 thin sections

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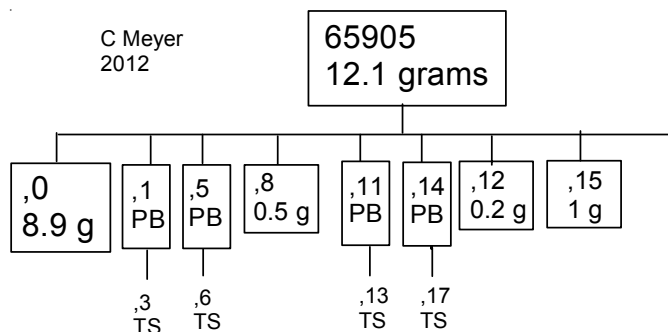
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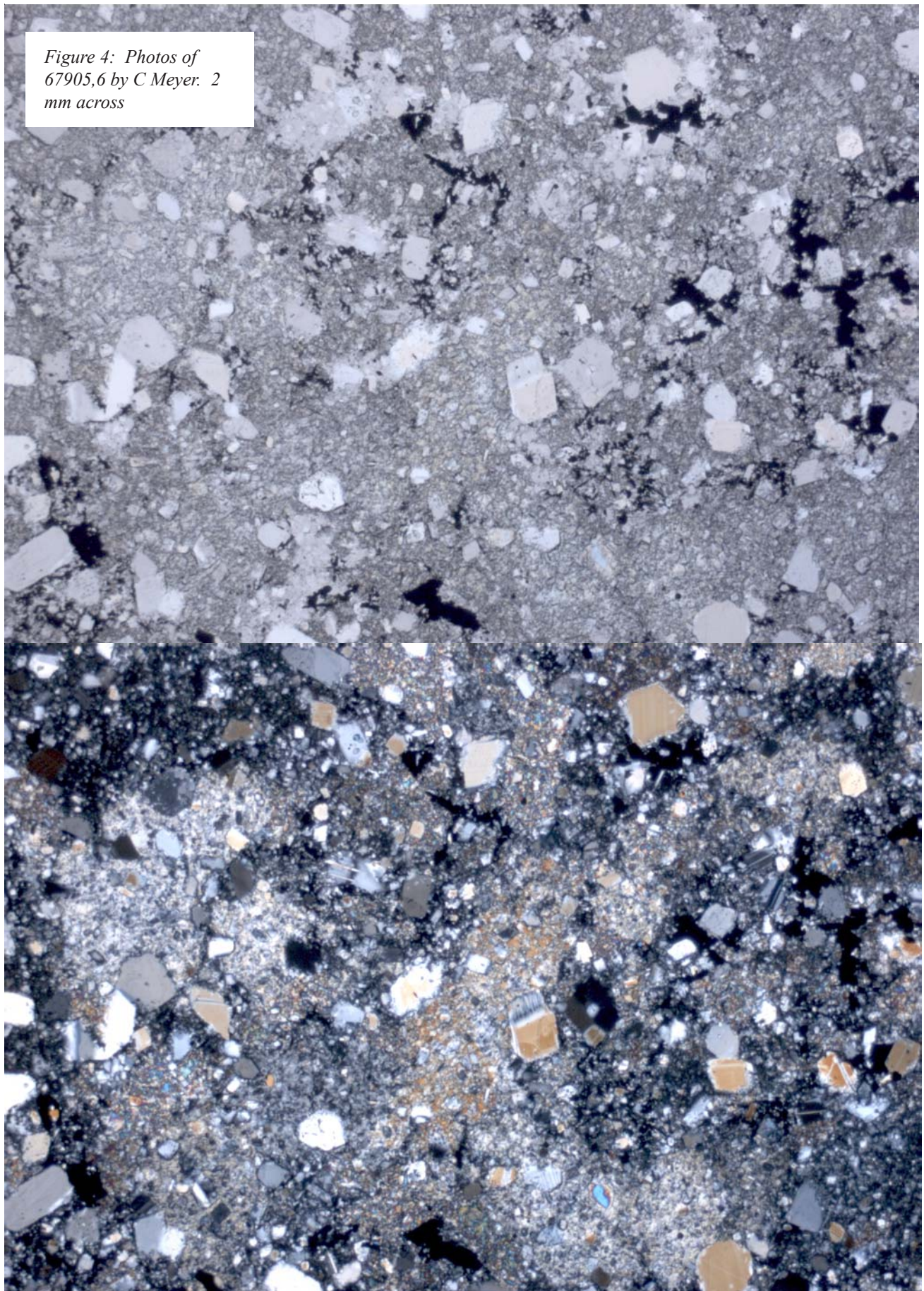
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*Figure 4: Photos of  
67905,6 by C Meyer. 2  
mm across*





*Figure 5: Thin  
section  
65905,13. 2  
mm across*

